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TO: Director, SSU

THRU: Chief, Operational Auxiliaries Branch

FROM: Chief, Communications Division

CONTINENTAL USA

During the month of June the reorganization of the Communications Division was completed in accordance with General Order #13. As a result of the reorganization the Division now consists of the following sections: The Administrative Office, The Message Center, and Signal Security Control, Operations, Research and Engineering, and Supply Sections. All previous functions are maintained, though on a reduced basis, under the new personnel ceiling of 85. The reduction in the Message Center is based on an average traffic volume of 9,000 groups per day. Any material increase in traffic will necessitate proportionate increase in Message Center personnel. Requests for military personnel as requested.

On the basis of initial contacts made by the Director, SSU, with the Chief, Naval Communications, a formal request was submitted for specific assistance on the following points:

1. Establishment of technical liaison on common communications research problems.
2. Exchange of current and future traffic routing diagrams.
3. Procurement of certain types of Navy cipher.

A. Personnel. The Communications Division no longer maintains a Personnel Section as such. Residual functions are now performed by the Administrative Staff in the Executive Office in cooperation with Personnel Division, SSU. With the establishment of an agency policy on recruiting, processing, and administration of personnel consistent with the reorganization, it is expected that the efficiency of handling personnel matters will be improved. Serious delays have been experienced in the transportation of radio operators and crypto-

25X1A graphic clerks to [] due to the lack of air priorities which had been expected for late June. Sufficient personnel has now been recruited to fill the June, July, and August requisitions submitted by the [] in May.

25X1A Attached is a roster showing total civilian and military personnel assigned to this Division as of 30 June.

25X1A B. Operations. It had been expected that the special Communications team assigned to the [] would be withdrawn before 30 June but the State Department requested that our present facilities be continued for an indefinite period. Traffic fell from an all-time high of 35,000 groups per month to less than half that total for the period 15 May through 15 June.

C. Signal Security Control. The Signal Security Control Section has continued work on the cable payment plan for overseas cover communications and the plan has already been activated in certain localities. As soon as further funds are available it will be activated in all cover installations.

All field stations will receive during the first two weeks of July a completely revised standing operating procedure which will clarify the work of the field station in relation to Washington.

The training unit of the Signal Security Control Section trained 10 cipher clerks assigned to Continental USA and/or overseas installations and in addition provided special communications training to 9 persons from the operational branches.

25X1A D. Supply. Final arrangements have now been completed to ship three PE-75 gasoline driven generators through [] 25X1A [] The generators will be used in connection with communications transmitters provided by this Division at an earlier date.

25X1A Due to changes in the physical facilities available to SSU at [] it is impossible to effect the consolidation of the Communications Warehouse at [] with the SSU Warehouse at [] 25X1A as mentioned in the May report.

E. Message Center. The Cable Control unit was merged with the Processing Unit of the Message Center and a completely revised cable procedure was put into effect immediately.

After the general decrease in overall traffic in April and May, traffic increased from 255,008 to 273,726 groups during the month of June.

Attached is a sheet showing total volume of traffic handled by the Washington Message Center for the period 1 - 30 June.

F. Research and Engineering. A developmental model of a transmission device originated by this section was submitted to the Army Security Agency for approval prior to installation for the handling of live traffic. Verbal approval has been secured and written approval requested upon submission of wiring diagrams.

EUROPEAN AREA

25X1A [] newly appointed Communications Officer of the entire European area, has been fully briefed by this Division and is expected to leave for his headquarters in Heidelberg early July. He will serve as technical consultant on Communications matters for all missions and stations in Europe.

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Two cryptographic clerks have left [] and were replaced during the month of June by newly trained personnel from Washington. Traffic volume has continued at a normal level.

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The Communications staff now consists of two clerks who have thus far been able to handle all traffic to and from []

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NEAR EAST

25X1A [] Communications code clerk, [] left for the States on 30 June 1946. Her replacement is being trained at the present time by the Signal Security Control Section of Communications

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25X1A Division and is expected to leave for [] on or about 15 August. In the meantime traffic to and from [] has been cut to a minimum and is being handled by one of the secretaries assigned to the mission.

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The supply situation is very favorable and the [] has been able to provide all repair items needed to maintain present equipment in operation.

The establishment of the proposed 6 to 8 additional stations is partially dependent upon the arrival of additional personnel from Washington. All necessary arrangements have been made to establish communications and a school has been organized to train agent operators for field use. The course of instruction covers all phases of communications and includes a course in the maintenance of equipment now in field use.

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MONTHLY STRENGTH REPORT

As of JUNE 30

	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Totals May</u>
Continental US	17	83 *	100	120
Pending Shipment O/S	1	8	9	
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		7	7	7
	1	5 ***	6	11
	<u>11</u>	<u>35</u> ****	<u>46</u>	<u>63</u>
Total	38	161	199	233

* Plus 18 in Process of Termination

** 1 Enroute US

*** 2 Enroute US

**** 5 Enroute US

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WASHINGTON MESSAGE CENTER

SUMMARY OF VOLUME OF TRAFFIC

JUNE, 1943

TYPE OF MESSAGES	INWARD		OUTWARD		TOTAL
	MESSAGES	GROUPS	MESSAGES	GROUPS	
SSU CODED TRAFFIC RELAYED THROUGH WASHINGTON	179	18,609	269	34,693	53,302
SSU CODED TRAFFIC ORIGINATING IN OR DESTINED FOR WASHINGTON	892	122,413	947	96,006	220,124
PLAIN TEXT DOMESTIC TELEGRAMS (WIRE ROOM)	24	749	57	2,001	2,750
MESSAGES FOR OTHER AGENCIES (STATE CIPHERS)	1	170	-	-	170

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